small committee was constituted in each of the five taluks to go from village to village, make enquiries as to the sources of water supply and to suggest the deepening or sinking of wells where necessary. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was distributed to the five taluks. The formalities such as preparation of estimates, etc., were dispensed with in order to save delay and the Tahsildars were directed to disburse the amounts in two or three instalments as the works progressed.

With a view to afford a plentiful supply of good water for drinking purposes in areas where its necessity is keenly felt so as to prevent the outbreak of epidemic diseases, particularly cholera and typhoid, Government have resolved that a sum of Rs. 10,000 should be provided in the budget for 1115 to be spent in digging permanent wells in South Travancore and Shencottah. The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, the Director of Public Health and the Division Peishkar and the Executive Engineer concerned will form a standing committee for the purpose and will be at liberty to secure the co-operation of non-officials by the formation of committees either for a pakuthi or for a group of pakuthies or for a taluk. The idea is to carry out a three-year programme of sinking such wells.

A sum of Rs 7,500 will be provided in the budget for sinking big wells according to the P. W. D. plan and estimate after scrutiny by the Committee.

An annual expenditure of over Rs 1,000 is now being incurred for the supply of water to the Muttom Village by means of lorries. A scheme based on the tapping of a perennial spring at Attinkarai costing Rs 32,000 is proposed to be worked out. A sum of Rs 25,000 has been provided in the budget for the purpose.

IRRIGATION FACILITIES IN SOUTH TRAVANCORE.

The main source of water supply for irrigation purposes in South Travancore is the Kodayar Project, and it is found that this source is not adequate to meet the requirements particularly in years of partial failure of the monsoon. The possibility of augmenting the supply of water in the Kodayár Reservoir has been considered and an estimate for the investigation of the Perinchani Reservoir Scheme has been sanctioned. The necessary provision has been made in the budget for 1115.

Government have also resolved upon improvements to the existing tanks and have discountenanced their assignment either on registry or on Kuthagapattom. A sum of Rs 25,000 has been provided in the budget for 1115. A similar provision is proposed to be made in subsequent years also, and a standing committee of the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Division Peishkar, Trivandrum, and the Executive Engineer, Southern Division, will carry out the work of improving the tanks and they will be charged with the duty of utilising the amount successfully. They will be at liberty to secure the co-operation of leading non-officials by the formation of committees.

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